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The American Registry of Pathology continues to prosper and maintain its several missions in support of the AFIP.

During the year, new ARP board members included Yolanda Oertel, M.D., American Society of Cytology; Carmen Williams, M.D., American Society of Dermatopathology; James Nold, D.V.M., Society of Toxicologic Pathology; and Anthony V. Proto, M.D., American College of Radiology. The board accepted with regret the resignation of Dr. Mark Mishkin, who completed his term in 1995.

The financial audit by Watkins, Meegan, Drury and Company was approved by the board. Appreciation was expressed to several societies for their financial contributions and good general support.

The Civilian Consultation Service is considering implementing third-party reimbursement, and a pilot evaluation project is in progress, to be reported in June 1996. Reservations include a Federal statute prohibiting billing Medicare by other government agencies. [Although the ARP is not under the jurisdiction of the Government, it utilizes governmental facilities.] Dr. Layton appointed a joint Registrars/ARP Board Committee to review this program, chaired by Dr. John Duckworth.

The Education Committee, chaired by Dr. Bernard Wagner, is considering new publication efforts in addition to the fascicles. They are exploring potential areas of interest—staff, authors, and marketing plans for implementing this project. Fourteen fascicles of Series III were published this year, including 12 CD-ROMs available in both DOS and Macintosh.

The Callender-Binford fellows initiated a seminar series with eight speakers, in addition to the weekly staff conferences and Spring and Fall Scientific Seminar Series. The program now includes 15 fellows in 10 departments.

The ARP Grant Support Program was increased to \$160,000 for young investigators and pilot programs.

In concert with five major pathology societies—ASCP, CAP, ASIP, APC, and USCAP—the AFIP/ARP hosted a pathology career educational program with 24 faculty and 94 students from 50 schools. This was in addition to the annual Internal Resident Symposium for Bethesda, Walter Reed, and AFIP residents and the External Senior Resident Symposium with 63 residents from 24 schools.

Forty AFIP/ARP pathology courses were given in 1995 at six sites around the country. Total attendance was 3,045, with 12,152 training days. Long courses (several weeks in length) given by the Departments of Radiologic Pathology, Neuropathology, Otolaryngic and Endocrine Pathology, and Orthopedic Pathology had 1,200 attendees, with 35,961 training days.

The Robert E. Stowell Lecture was given by Kenneth E. Brinkhous, M.D., entitled “Molecular Pathology and Hemophilia: A Model for Gene Therapy of Inherited Disease,” and the Ash Lecture was given by Joshua Lederberg, Ph.D., entitled “The Future of Infectious Disease.”

The ARP renovated a new cafeteria for the AFIP with an ARP Conference Room—a general dining area, deli/cafe, and patio. It is used daily by over 450 members of AFIP/ARP, or 70% of the total staff.

The ARP is sponsoring a 1-year effort, initiated by AFIP, for strategic planning to be completed in January 1997.